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OF 25 JUL 74 :

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1768

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SUBJECT: NICOSIA ENCLAVE

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1. EMBOFF AND DATT REP DROVE THROUGH NICOSIA ENCLAVE AS FAR AS
GEUNYELI MORNING JULY 25. VISIBLE DACSWE LIGHT. CONTACTS REPORT
FEW CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. MANY WALLS POCKMARKED BY BULLETS; LITTLE
SIGN MORTAR OR ARTILLERY FIRE. VIRTUALLY ALL BUILDINGS INTACT.

2. TROOP MORALE APPEARS HIGH. TMT ARMED WITH NEW AUTOMATIC RIFLES.
UNLIKE GREEK SIDE, TURK CYPRIOT FORCES STILL DEPLOYED IN FORWARD
POSITIONS. ALMOST NO TMT SEEN IN STREETS OR COFFEE HOUSES.
MOBILIZATION TOTAL: TMT CALL UP HAS BROUGHT IN FIGHTERS FROM
15 TO 50.

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3. LITTLE SIGN TURK MAINLAND FORCES. (JULY 24 REINFORCEMENT, ORIGINALLY REPORTED AS TWO DIVISIONS NOW THOUGHT TO BE LIMITED TO ONE DIVISION. UNFICYP AND DAO CONCUR.) FROM ROAD, THERE NO RPT NO SIGHT FORWARD POSITIONS IN AREA BETWEEN NICOSIA AND GEUNYELI. EITHER POSITIONS NOT THERE OR TURKS HAVE PUSHED BEYOND VISIBLE RANGE. (SUSPECT THERE MAY BE NO RPT NO CONTINUOUS LINE.) NO SIGHT TANKS OR HEAVY ARTILLERY. (TREAD MARKS ON ROAD APPEARED TO RESULT FROM APC'S RATHER THAN TANKS.)

4. HEAVIEST FIGHTING APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN GEUNYELI. ACCORDING ONE SOURCE, GREEKS SEIZED VILLAGE FOR SHORT PERIOD BUT WERE DRIVEN OUT. MOSQUE, HOSPITAL, AND SCHOOL HIT. CASUALTIES REPORTED "HIGH". MAINLAND TROOPS (FORMERLY CAMPED IN VILLAGE) HAVE MOVED OUT.

5. TURKISH EMBASSY TELLS US FIGHT IN KYRENIA PARTICULARLY SEVERE, WITH GREEKS CONDUCTING HOUSE-TO-HOUSE DEFENSE. TURK DCM SAID MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED. (WE UNABLE CONFIRM.) TURKS NOW CONTROL.

6. EMBASSY TURK CYPRIOT LOCAL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS TMT IN FULL CONTROL OMORPHITA SUBURB BUT SAYS SITUATION IN KAIMAKLI LESS CLEAR. TMT FIGHTER TOLD US LINE RUNS ROUGHLY THROUGH CENTER OF AREA. FACT THAT TMT REFUSED ALLOW US VISIT THIS REGION SUGGESTS TURK CYPRIOT CONTROL MAY BE LESS THAN CLAIMED.

7. TURK COMMUNITY FILLED WITH RUMORS OF GREEK ATROCITIES IN OUTLYING REGIONS. TCPA PIO SAID HE TRYING DAMP DOWN; PLANS ISSUE STATEMENT FOLLOWING TODAY'S UNFICYP SURVEY.
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